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The average daily circulation of the Barre Daily Times for the week ending last Saturday was

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copies, the largest circulation of any daily paper in Vermont outside of Burlington.

Proprietor David J. Foster of Vermont. Hope so, Dave.

Spring has earned the degree of B. Z.—below zero; and we, E. Z. marks.

Loyal to the example set by its illustrious alumnus in the White House, Yale had the pink eye.

From an extraordinary Congress, have we the right to expect extraordinary things? Now, altogether, "Yes."

A tilted cigar smoking along the side streets in Washington—that's Joe Cannon; a loud noise going up Pennsylvania avenue—that's the Champ Clark.

The United States supreme court ought to hurry along those trust decisions before the baseball season opens, for then it will be otherwise engaged.

Once an office holder, always an office holder seems to be the motto of Hamilton S. Peck of Burlington; hence his aspiration to be city attorney of Burlington. But M. G. Leary proved to be the better vote getter. Burlington has a good city attorney.

Maine's seventy-fifth legislature has just adjourned for good, and the official acts are included in a ten-page supplement of the Lewiston Daily Sun. There is something for the people of Maine to lay by for next Thanksgiving day.

After being given \$500 for a drinking fountain, the village of Fair Haven is now by the ears over the design. The style of a fountain is of minor consequence, provided the fountain is available, and the matter ought to be easily adjusted without the necessity of civil war.

The building trade industry of Hardwick is suspended by labor troubles just when it ought to be picking up those spring building contracts. Out of the state building centers are bound to gain considerably by this unfortunate condition of affairs in Hardwick, which is certainly deplored by the entire state.

Talk that the Boston & Maine railroad system may abandon the Vermont Valley railroad line and make a cut from Massachusetts to White River Junction by way of the New Hampshire side of the Connecticut river, seems not well founded in the light of the B. & M.'s policy to grasp everything in sight. Then, again, Brattleboro is too important a point to be left out of the reckoning by the Boston & Maine.

The Rutland News thinks that Barre, along with Montpelier, will lose something through the purchase of the local railroad lines by the Boston & Maine interests, the something being in office force. As far as Barre is concerned, the offices of the companies cannot be curtailed much and have the railroads continue in business. In Montpelier's case it was different as the railroad headquarters was there, together with various departments.

A BUSINESS START.

Burlington's new mayor starts his two years' administration without making any promises as to the accomplishments to be expected; on the contrary, there is in Mayor Roberts' opening address a note which is calculated to make Burlington people think seriously of their municipal affairs. Perhaps the most striking feature of the statement is the demand for retrenchment along all lines, with an increased tax rate possibility as a club to drive out extravagance. The message is such as to assure property holders in Burlington that their money will not be spent lavishly, provided Mayor Roberts has anything to say about the expenditures.

PAY OF FIREMEN.

A system of graded wages for regular members of the Barre fire department ought to go far toward preventing frequent resignations, inasmuch as continued service is to be recompensed with increased payments. Moreover, the grading of the wages is reasonable, because a fireman with experience is worth far more than the green hand just added to the force. The Barre department has been troubled ever since the regular department was installed, by the constant shifting of the men, coming and going and thus making it necessary to train a large number during the course of the year. This shifting about is due in large measure to the high standard of wages in the skilled employments, the municipality not being able to compete with those employments in the size of wages, and, in fact, the service being such as not to demand so high a compensation as in the skilled trades. But, aside from the element of occasional danger, the life of the fireman in a small city is a comparatively healthful one and the trials in it not over-severe. In Barre the men are furnished attractive living quarters in the central fire station on South Main street, and they are likely to be well cared for in any new station which may be built. Over against that, the nature of the work requires rather close attention to one's duties; but to offset that, the men are allowed periodic holidays, which is more than many occupations allow. And now, with the introduction of a graded scale of wages to fit the length of the service, there ought to be another strong inducement for the men to stay in the service longer. The city prefers experienced men and dislikes the constant shifting.

Current Comment

Railroad Talk.

The Connecticut River railroad, a Boston and Maine and therefore a New Haven subsidiary, is given the right to extend its line on the New Hampshire side of the Connecticut river from Hinsdale to Walpole by a bill that passed the New Hampshire house last week. Walpole is located a dozen miles or more up from a point opposite Brattleboro, and if the Connecticut river line were extended as far north as that on the New Hampshire side it would meet the Chesire railroad tracks also under Boston and Maine control, and so would enable the Connecticut River railroad trains to reach Bellows Falls without using the Vermont Valley line on the Vermont side from Brattleboro to the Falls. The terms of the bill suggest the possibility that the New Haven interests may sell the Vermont Valley to the Grand Trunk, and cling to the New Hampshire side of the river for their own continuous trackage from the Massachusetts boundary to White River Junction—Springfield Republican.

Jingles and Jests

Peace!

We have seen the semicolons and the commas harshly spurned
Among the flying columns scattered thick;
We have seen the subtle stratagems of speech that overturned
The warrior's metaphors all marshalled thick.
And so, 'mid the confusion that is gathering round us fast
On further demonstrations do not wait.
We'll join the peaceful protest and stand by it to the last.
That says, "For Heaven's sake, let's arbitrate!"
We have seen the fierce explosions that have followed trains of thought;
We have heard the sounds of battle day by day.
We have watched the grunting presses with cast ammunition freight
Like gelling guns play havoc in the fray.
We have heard the fearful moanings that arise from wounded pride,
As bold opinions clamored for release.
And, listening to the tumult that is surging far and wide,
We long, ah, yes, we truly long for peace!
—Washington Star.

The Natural Inference.

"My husband has given me a diamond necklace."
"My! My! What was it you caught him doing?"—Louisville Courier-Journal.

His Renunciation.

"I couldn't think of a thing to give up, Lent."
"That so?"
"Yes, and when I remarked as much in the bosom of my family, my wife and daughters told me I could put in



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The time getting ready to give up for Easter.—Houston Post.

A Modern Bird.

We met the Early Bird and were amazed, on glancing at our watches, to discover that the hour of 7 had long since struck.

"You're not so early, after all!" we remarked significantly.
"No," assented the Early Bird, looking very conscious all at once. "The fact is, I got the hookworm."—Puck.

RANDOLPH.

R. W. McAllister and family have gone to Waitsfield for a permanent residence.

Twenty-five of the pupils of Miss Ruby Allen gave a pleasant musical at the parish house Monday evening.
Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Whitcomb of Boston, who were called here Thursday by the serious illness of S. S. Whitcomb, with bronchitis, returned to their home Monday, leaving him much improved.

Misses Jessie Chedel and Evelyn Denny left here Monday, after a vacation of two weeks, to resume study at Wellesley college.

Miss Ruth Roundy left here Monday for Boston to continue her studies at Simmons college.

The entire family of Alvin Angell, who has been confined to the bed for months in a helpless condition are ill, a grandson, Mark Angell having been taken sick Sunday and Mrs. Angell in the night after. Mrs. F. C. Angell and Mrs. Jehiel Williams are taking care of them.

J. D. Laport is moving from the double house of L. L. Udall on Fales street, to the double tenement house of Benjamin Sargent on Weston street.

News has been received of the safe arrival of Dr. J. D. Wheeler and party at their home in Malden, Mass., Saturday morning. Dr. Gilman Wheeler met them in Washington, D. C., and the other brother, Leonard Wheeler of White River Junction, went to Florida for them.

Emerson will begin work Monday, after having been closed for a week.

C. J. Rockwell is suffering severely from an inflammation of the eyes, the result, it is thought, of a hard cold.

Robert Chedel, who has been for the past year in Maine, is now passing a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Chedel.

Dr. and Mrs. John Gifford arrived home Saturday after a three weeks' trip to Florida and other places of interest.

Little Lois Hayward is now able to be out of doors, after her late serious illness with pneumonia.

Leslie Pierce will soon move, his family from the O'Connor block to the tenement on Fales street recently vacated by J. D. Laport.

The shoe shop of Mr. Gonyoun has been moved from the basement of the Cushman block to the room recently vacated by the Woodworth tea store in the same building.

Mrs. Jacobs of Braintree is the guest of her son, John Jacobs, and family this week.

Barre Savings Bank & Trust Co.

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1911	April	1911
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.
Wed.	Thur.	Fri.
Sat.		
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WILLIAMSTOWN.

The Home Study club will meet at the house of Mrs. Ainsworth Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Myra Seaver is having a serious illness, and has been out of health for some time.

Miss Ruth Huse of South Barre was a guest of Miss Fern Recor over Sunday.

Miss Christina Stewart is at home from Montpelier with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Stewart of Mill Village.

The Congregational ladies wish to close up their work of collecting old newspapers, etc., for shipment. Contributions may be left at the parsonage.

Titus H. Wilfore, fourth son of Theodore Wilfore, was married at Northfield last Tuesday to Miss Laura C. Hood.

GRANITEVILLE.

Barre should have a plant to manufacture building granite and not let our neighbors obtain the new industry.

The students from Goddard seminary, who have been spending their vacation at their homes, have returned to their studies.

Misses Laura, Suitor, Gertrude Wood, Ruth Edwards, Annie Evans and Evelyn McLeary are spending the Easter holidays at home.

Miss Henrietta McLean is visiting at the home of William Fales.

Don't forget the pie social at the Presbyterian church hall Wednesday night at 7:30 o'clock. Admission, 25c.; children under fourteen, 15c.

MUTILATED CURRENCY.

Often Used in Attempts to Cheat the Treasury Department.

Many efforts are made to cheat Uncle Sam through the redemption division of the treasury department, which division has to do with redeeming partly destroyed government currency.

Once a man in a western state sent in half of a ten dollar bill, accompanied by an affidavit to the effect that while on a spree he had used the other half to light a cigar.

The half he forwarded was nicely charred along the inner edge, and the story would have been accepted by treasury officials had it not been that within twenty-four hours there was received from a bank in the same state the other half of the note.

The theory of treasury officials was that while more or less intoxicated the man had struggled for possession of the bill with some one who had wrested half of it from him; that the despoiler had turned the half into the bank and received five dollars for it; that the intoxicated man, recovering his senses, had found the other half in his pocket and, not wishing to lose his money, had conceived the plan of singeing the edge of the note and claiming that the other half had been destroyed. So he committed perjury in an attempt to rob the government of \$5.

A man in Cleveland sent an affidavit to the treasury department, accompanying the singed half of two twenty-dollar bills and one ten-dollar bill. This affidavit was typewritten and in perfect form. It set forth that the deponent was a commercial traveler; that after returning from a journey he had been cleaning out his traveling bag when inadvertently he had thrown into the fire an envelope containing

\$50 in bills; that in accordance with section 50 and so he would like to have the money restored to him, etc.

The clerk who brought this document to the officials commented on its lucidity and completeness, but to one of these the story seemed unnatural, and he ordered that the claim be held up for awhile.

Twenty-four hours later a big shipment of mutilated currency came from a subtreasury in the west. The official who had ordered the claim held up asked whether there were any half notes in this shipment. In four or five minutes a clerk brought him the missing halves of the bills the Cleveland man had sent in.

The attempt to defraud was plain. The matter was at once put into the hands of the secret service division, and a man was sent west to investigate. The man who had made the affidavit confessed at once. He had cut the bills in halves and for one-half of them obtained \$25. The other half he singed and attached to his affidavit. The gross profit of the swindle could not have been more than \$25, and for that trifling sum the man forfeited his liberty for a year and a half.—Washington Star.

Calais and Its Lighthouse.

Calais is rather an untidy place for a French town. The Pince d'Armes, where the tower of the Hotel de Ville has remained since the fifteenth century, is the center spot. Here Calais meets its friends and has its cafe noir.

In the square, towering out of the roofs of surrounding houses and dwarfing them, is the old watchtower. Since 1848 it has been superseded as a lighthouse by the magnificent one at present in use. Never shall I forget the effect of this lighthouse as I stood under it that night.

The revolving spokes of light cast away into slimy space in all directions, looked like the ribs of a huge umbrella being turned by the white handle, which was the lighthouse tower. So tall is this that its revolving light can be seen from a distance of twenty miles at sea.—Wide World.

Helping Him Along.

"What is all this straw doing in the roadway? Somebody sick?" asked the man passing.

"Easy!" said the man at the gate, holding up a warning finger. "There's a young man calling on my daughter tonight who has been coming to see her for six years. He's very easily frightened. We hope he's going to propose tonight, and we are taking every precaution against his being startled!"—Yonkers Statesman.

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